Japan Airlines
7. Qantas
8. Trans World Airlines
9. All Nippon
10. Southwest Airlines
11. Iberia
12. Varig
13. Canadian Airlines International

(b) and (c) Out of the 13 airlines mentioned above,! 2 air lines belong to countries which have Air Services Agreements with India. Decisions on operation of air services are taken by airlines based on their own perception of commercial and operational viability.

Plans of Indian Airlines to acquire aircraft*

*237. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airline plans to acquire some aircrafts on lease with an option to purchase them at later stage;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances which have necessitated this step; and *

(c) what is the number of aircrafts to be acquired and capacity of each aircraft and the name of the suppliers/manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF C1VIIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NAB' AZAD) : (a) No final decision has yet been taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pay scale of MT drivers in MES

*738. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

.ill the PRIME MINISTER be pleased "^^tate' :

(a) wTOIfeer it is a fact that the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench ' vide its Order O.A. No. 1493/CH/94 dated 20th April, 1994 accepting the plea of the MT drivers Association (MES) for the scale of pay at par with the MT drivers in the Defence Research and Development Organisation on the principle of "equal pay for equal work", has directed the Engineer-in-Chief. Army Headquarters, New Delhi to consider it in the light of the Supreme Court order on 'he subject ;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken for the grant of pay to the MT drivers iii the Military Engineering Service in accordance with the directive issued by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench; and if so, the details thereof, and

fc) if not, what are the reasons for dely in deciding the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE vlINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Central Adminis-rative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench (in its OA No. 1493/CH/91) has given a direction o the Engineer-in-Chief, Army Headquarters 0 consider the representation (filed as Annexure 'A-2' to the OA) by the applicants and pass appropriate orders, keeping in view the principle of "equal pay for equal work" and its application to the facts of the case.

(b) The Engineer-in-Chief's Branch has given a reply to the petitioners who are MT Drivers Grade II and Grade I in the Mili tary Engineer Service that the pay scales ad missible to MT Drivers Grade II and Grade j in MES are identical to the corresponding scales admissible for Civilian Motor Drivers Gra'de II and Grade I respectively in Defence Research and Development Organisation. There is, therefore, no discrimination in the pay scales of MT Driver Grade II and Grade 1 in MES as was alleged by the petitioners.

(c) Does not arise.

Ex-Servicemen in Gujarat

*239. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen in Gujarat State at present ;

(b) whether Government have prepared any scheme to give them opportunities for employment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of ex-servicemen provided with employment during the year 1994-95 under the said scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MAL" LIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) As on 30-9-94. a total of 8,234 ex-Servicemen are registered with Zila Sainik Boards in Gujarat. To ptovide re-employment opportunities in the Central Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings, following percentage of vacancies aie reserved for ex-Servicemen : -

		Group 'C	Group 'D'
(i)	Ministries/Departments . . .	.10%	20%
(ii)	PSUs/Nationalised Banks . . .	14.5%	24.5%

In Para Military Forces, a reservation Of 10% is also provided in posts of Assistant Commandants. Recruitment in Defence Sscurity Corps is primarily sarmarked for ex-Servicemen.

The State Government of Gujarat has pro. vided reservation of 10% in Group 'C and 20% in Group 'D' posts, respectively fo_r ex-Servicemen. Besides, 25% of vacancies in Veterinary Service/Animal Husbandry Services Class I and II, which :ire filled by direct selection, are also reserved for ex-Service-men;

Ex-Servicemen have alio been granted relaxation in age and educational qualifications both by the Central and the State Governments for seeking re-employment.

During January to June, 1994, a total of 101 ex-Servicemen have been provided re-employment by the Central Government and 4 by the State Government of Gujarat.

Return of Kashmiri Hindu Pandits

*240. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir Administration hav^c made any appropriate arrangements for the safe return of about 3 lakh Kashmiri Hindu Pandit Refugees to their' own homes in th$_e$ Kashmir valley, and also for their free i.n<J fair voting in the future elections in *Jan* una arid Kashmir, if So, what is the action taken.

(b) whether Government have made any arrangements so far to restore back to the Kashmiri Pandit Refugee employees their civil services in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(c) if so, the de'.rviU thereof : . (d) whether Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir Administration have made any appropriate arrangement for the Kashmiri Pandit Refugees of that State, for , giving them due share in the governance of the Jammu and Kashmir State Administration; and

(e) if so, the steps, taken in this regard 1

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) Concerted drive against militancy and varioui confidence building measures are being taken to restore normalcy in the-militancy affected areas and to create conditions conducive to the return of the migrants including migrant employees to their homes and callings/v ocations in the Valley. As regards arrangement for casting of voles by the migiants, it is fo_r the Election Co to make the same at the relevant time.

I (d) and (e) Appointments to administrative posts in the J & K Administration are governed by well established rules and regulations in force and the Kashmiri migrants are not denied their rights and opportunities in any manner.

Cases of Uranium Smuggling

2486. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MAL. HOTRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been cases of Ura nium smuggling out of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected and what are the details thereof ;

(c) the action taken by Governmernrtrrv js regard; and ^^^

(d) whether some of the smuggjgirf^elonge J to Bangladesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) Reports of alleged smuggling/theft of uranium, on a few. occasions. have appear^